



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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June 7, 2001

J. Brian Murphy, Treasurer
Democratic State Committee Delaware
P.O. Box 2065
Wilmington, DE 19899

Identification Number: C00211763

Reference: Year End Report (11/28/00-12/31/00)

Dear Mr. Murphy:

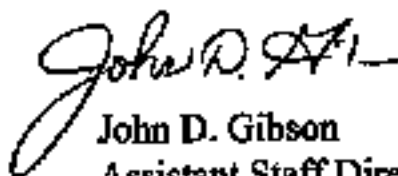
This letter is to inform you that as of June 6, 2001, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated May 16, 2001. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

The Commission is in receipt of your Amended 30 Day Post-General Report dated May 11, 2000 that changes the outstanding balance at the close of the reporting period of the debt to "Non-Federal Account" to be \$11,000. However, you still need to address the discrepancy between the closing debt balance of the previous report and the opening balance on this report as well as address the other issues in the letter referenced above. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by June 27, 2001. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Erik Koeppen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to

reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "G".

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Dear Mr. Murphy:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report discloses memo Schedule A's totaling \$4,242.91 from State Party Democratic Victory Fund. However, there appear to be no transfers in from this committee disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify this apparent discrepancy.

-The outstanding balance of a debt owed to a creditor at the close of one report should be exactly the same as the beginning outstanding balance of the next report. The 30 Day Post-General Report shows an ending balance to "Non-Federal Account" of \$6,000, while this report shows a beginning balance of \$5,000. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) which is categorized as an exempt expense(s); however, a Schedule H2 has not been filed to disclose the allocation ratio. All committees are required to allocate the direct costs of each exempt activity in which the committee disburses funds for both federal and non-federal purposes. The costs are allocated according to the time and space method and reported on Schedule H2. 11 CFR §106.5(e). Please file a Schedule H2 to disclose the ratio for the exempt activity.

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a)

reflects payments for "Advertising/Issue Ads". Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

-You have made disbursements for advertising/issue ads which you have characterized as exempt activities. In order for an activity to be classified as exempt, it must meet the following conditions: (1) For slate cards and sample ballots: it names at least three candidates running for election to any public office, it is not distributed through public political advertising (including broadcast media, newspapers, magazines, and billboards), the content is limited to the identification of each candidate, the office or position currently held, the office sought and party affiliation, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds; (2) For campaign materials: the activity is conducted on behalf of the party's nominees in the general election, the materials are distributed by volunteers-
-not through public political advertising, the party committee does not use materials purchased by the national party committee or money transferred from the national committee to purchase materials, the party committee does not use funds designated for a particular federal candidate, a payment from a non-federal campaign to help pay for the materials does not exceed its allocated share of the expenses, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds; (3) For voter drives: the activity is on behalf of the party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees, the activity does not involve the use of public political

advertising such as television, radio, newspapers, magazines, billboards or direct mail, phone banks are operated by volunteers (although paid professionals may design the system, develop calling instructions and train supervisors), the party committee does not use funds transferred by the national party committee for voter drive activities, the party committee does not use funds designated for a particular federal candidate, and the cost allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds.

If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above, and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, this amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate. Please provide the Commission with a more detailed explanation of these activities.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Erik Koeppen
Reports Analyst
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